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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing you to request support for local competitors in the broadband and telephone service market. Even though I work in the Silicon Valley I found very few local competitive companies available for internet and telephone service. Both of these services are very important to me and I am concerned that my current provider Sonic out of Santa Rosa, CA is going to be compromised by proposals submitted in the interest of big companies that effectively have a monopoly in our local markets.

There are two primary reasons for my continued support of my local provider Sonic. Their customer service is superior to any of the large companies and their pricing is so much more competitive for the same or better level of service. Over 3 years time I has saved over \$500 for internet and telephone service. This is a lot of money to me as I am a single father supporting two small children and every dollar counts. In particular I place high value on my POTS landline. It provides superior 911 service compared to cellular carriers, has much better sound quality than cellular service which is essential to speaking to elderly people like my father and mother. Additionally, in case of an emergency I have a much better chance at making an outgoing call than people do with only cellular service. The cellular carriers do not have enough lines vs subscribers to handle emergencies and the number of circuits will immediately be overloaded in an emergency. With my landline this will be much less likely and provides me redundancy.

Please don't take away my right to a competitive marketplace and the services which I currently enjoy.

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